



**Fatality #7 – March 24, 2004**  
**Machinery - OK - Limestone (C&B)**  
**Bellco Materials Inc. - Bellco #2**

**METAL/NONMETAL MINE FATALITY** - On March 24, 2004, a 41-year-old, driller with 22 years mining experience was fatally injured at a crushed stone mine. The victim was using a track mounted drill to drill blast holes. Apparently, he attempted to manually thread a new drill steel, with the mast vertical and the drill head rotating, when the rotating steel entangled him.



### **Best Practices**

- Train all personnel to help them recognize and understand procedures to safely perform tasks before beginning any work.
- Ensure that personnel follow the manufacturer's procedures when adding drill steels.
- Never manually thread drill steels when the drill head is rotating.
- Do not wear loose fitting clothing when working around drilling machinery.
- Monitor personnel routinely to determine that procedures are followed.

This is the 7<sup>th</sup> fatality reported in calendar year 2004 in the metal and nonmetal mining industries. As of this date in 2003, there were five fatalities reported in these industries. This is the 4th fatality classified as Machinery in 2004. There was one Machinery fatality in the same period in 2003.